

CREDITON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER 1970



CREDITON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,  
Union Terrace,  
Crediton.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Report for 1970.

The report indicates that the general health of the District remained satisfactory. There were no epidemics - illnesses have been mainly those inseparable from advancing age.

The building of new houses both by private enterprise and by the Council has continued at a satisfactory pace. I note that over half of the new dwellings erected by the Council were one bedoomed bungalows specially designed for elderly people and generally sited in a warden supervised Estate. This is a house building policy which I heartily commend.

Work on improvements to older houses, in spite of increased grants being made available, has still not been to the extent that is desirable.

Improvements to sewerage and sewage disposal arrangements at Copplestone and Bow have still not materialised and there seems little hope of improvements to sewage arrangements at the smaller villages such as Black Dog and Coldridge being carried out whilst these two large villages have to put up with their existing very unsatisfactory conditions.

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CREDITON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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SECTION A.  
STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area.....	93,370 acres.
Population.....	9830.
Rateable Value at 31.12.70.....	£238,769.00
Estimated Product of 1d rate 1970/71.....	£910.00
No. of separate dwellings at 31.3.70.....	3493
Business premises with living accommodation.....	69.
Local Authority dwellings at 31.3.70.....	593

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR YEAR 1970

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
Live Births.....	163	83	80
Crude rate per 1,000 population.		16.6	
Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate.		1.16	
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
<u>Illegitimate Live Births</u> .....	13	7	6
			8½ of total live births.
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
<u>Stillbirths</u> .....	1	-	1
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths.	6		
<u>Total live and still births</u> .....			TOTAL 164
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
Infant Deaths (under 1 year of age)	4	2	2
<u>Infant Mortality Rates.</u>			<u>TOTAL</u>
Total infant deaths per 1,000 live births.....			25.00
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births.....			27.00
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births.....			Nil
<u>Neo-natal Mortality Rate.</u>			
(deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births).....			12.00
<u>Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate.</u>			<u>TOTAL</u>
(deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births).....			6.00
<u>Peri-natal Mortality Rate.</u>			
(still births and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births).....			12.00
<u>Maternal Mortality Rate (Including abortion)</u>			
Number of deaths.....			Nil
Rate per 1,000 total still and live births.....			Nil
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
<u>Deaths (all ages)</u> .....	125	72	53
Crude rate per 1,000 home population.....			12.7
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate.....			1.01

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE

DURING 1970 IN THE RURAL DISTRICT OF

CREDITON

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Sex.	All ages	Under 4 weeks	4 Weeks & under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over	
					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus.	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-
Leukaemia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Hypertensive Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	5	10
	F	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	3
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	3
	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Influenza	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-
Pneumonia	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CAUSES OF DEATH	Sex.	All ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks & under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over	
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito- Urinary System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diseases of Musculo- Skeletal System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital Anomalies	M	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other Accidents	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
TOTAL OF ALL CAUSES	M	72	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	3	12	23	30	
	F	53	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	4	11	9	26	

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

AGE GROUP	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Paratyphoid	Dysentery	Meningoccal Infection	Puerperal P. rexia	Acute Encephalitis	Ophthalmis Neonatorum	Erysipelas	Acute Poliomyelitis	Food Poisoning	Infective Jaundice
Under 1															
1 Year															
2 Years															
3 Years															
4 Years				1											
5 - 9 Years			2												
10 - 14 Years			1												
15 - 24 Years															
25 and over															
Age unknown.															
TOTALS				4										2	

T U B E R C U L O S I S

New Cases and Mortality during 1970

AGE GROUP	NEW / CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## SECTION B

### GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

- (1) Nursing Service.  
Care of Mothers and Young Children.  
This service is provided through resident district nurses and health visitors employed by Devon County Council.
- (2) Laboratory Facilities.  
Laboratory examinations are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at the Department of Pathology, Wonford, Exeter.
- (3) Tuberculosis and Mass Radiography.  
There is a clinic at Ivybank, Exeter.  
A mobile mass radiography unit visits the Market Street Car Park, Crediton.
- (4) Infectious Diseases.  
Most cases are nursed at home, but if necessary they can be removed to the Whipton Isolation Hospital.
- (5) Ambulances.  
There are no ambulances maintained in this district. There is a depot with ambulances manned by the Red Cross at Crediton.
- (6) Meals on Wheels  
There is a Meals on wheels service operated by the W.V.S. Meals are provided by the Devon County Council Kitchen at Crediton and distributed by members of the W.V.S. The service now extends to most of the District.
- (7) Health Education, Mental Health and Chiropody Services.  
These services are provided and administered by Devon County Council. They continue to function satisfactorily.

## SECTION C

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

#### Sewerage

The provision of new sewage disposal works and sewerage throughout the village of Puddington was completed; the contract price being £18,661.7.10. The works were soon producing a very satisfactory effluent.

Modern post war works are in operation now at Chawleigh, Cheriton Bishop, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Eggesford, Lapford, Morthard Bishop, Newton St. Cyres, Sandford, Shobrooke and Zeal Monachorum as well as Puddington.

Yeoford/Copplestone and Bow are the last remaining large villages which require modern treatment works. Amongst the smaller villages, Wembworthy, Poughill, Coldridge and Black Dog have inadequate works and sewers.

#### Water Supply - Public

Water from the N.D.W.B. mains is available in all villages and hamlets and to most areas throughout the district.

Complaint was however received by this Department from house holders in the Bow Station area that the local private supplies were inadequate.

The area was canvassed and it was put to the N.D.W.B. that a mains supply of water should be made available. The Board made their own investigation and agreed to extend the mains supply to this area.

Twenty two bacteriological samples were taken by the N.D.W.B. officials, two of which were unsatisfactory. Samples taken after remedial action proved satisfactory.

One hundred and eleven new connections were made to the N.D.W.B. mains.

Mains extensions were laid as under:-

Cheriton Fitzpaine (for Bary Close), 370 yds of 3" main.

Lapford (Prospect Way) 234 yds of 3" main.

Cheriton Cross (for Woodpecker Way) 12 yds of 2" main.

The 4" main from Fordton Cross to Whitestone was substantially completed and now provides a mains supply to a number of properties in the southern part of this district.

Officials of Devon County Council took 7 bacteriological samples of chlorinated water from the supply maintained by Bow Parish Council. Four of these samples were satisfactory.

#### Water Supply - Private

9 samples were taken from private sources. Five of the samples were satisfactory and four were unsatisfactory.

In one case the owner had cleansed, chlorinated and protected his well as advised by this office. The resulting sample was satisfactory.

The four remaining satisfactory samples were taken at the request of the owners, who were proposing to improve their houses.

The four contaminated samples were taken in respect of proposed improvements at three properties. One property has since been connected to the mains, protective works have been carried out at one property, and the remaining property is void and likely to remain so.

#### School Swimming Pools.

Five schools in this district have swimming pools. Eleven samples were taken by the Devon County Council Sampling Officer. Ten samples were satisfactory; supervisory visits are made by Officials of Devon County Council.

Nuisance from animals

One complaint of nuisance from pigs kept in a shed adjoining a cottage in separate occupation. The pig keeper was interviewed and agreed to put the shed to other use.

Three complaints were received of nuisance arising from intensive farming. In one case, droplets from a liquid manure spray system were carried onto a cottage by adverse winds. The matter has been resolved by more careful siting of the sprays. The other two complaints, which concerned pollution of water courses were referred to the Devon River Board.

NOISE

No complaints of noise were received during 1970.

## NUMBER OF HOUSES AND POPULATION SUPPLIED FROM PUBLIC WATER MAINS

(ESTIMATED)

P A R I S H	DIRECT INTO HOUSES		STAND PIPE	
	DWELLINGS	POPULATION	DWELLINGS	POPULATION
BOW.....Parish Supply	97	291	-	-
BOW.....N.D.W.B.	134	402		
BRUSHFORD "	13	39		
CHAWLEIGH "	134	402		
CHERITON BISHOP "	147	441		
CHERITON FITZPAINE "	133	399	2	3
CLANNABOROUGH "	5	15		
COLDRIDGE "	76	228	1	2
COLEBROOKE "	120	360		
CREDITON HAMLETS "	257	771		
DOWN ST.MARY "	101	303		
EGGESFORD "	24	72		
HITTISLEIGH "	20	60		
KENNERLEIGH "	21	63		
LAPFORD "	200	600	1	0
MORCHARD BISHOP "	290	870	2	4
NEWTON ST.CYRES "	269	807		
NYMET ROWLAND "	30	90		
POUGHILL "	41	123		
PUDDINGTON "	30	90		
SANDFORD "	271	813	3	4
SHOBROOKE "	112	336		
STOCKLEIGH ENGLISH "	15	45		
STOCKLEIGH POMEROY "	31	93		
THELBRIDGE "	46	138		
UPTON HELLIONS "	12	36		
WASHFORD PYNE "	19	57		
WEMBWORTHY "	61	183		
WOOLFARDISWORTHY "	39	117		
ZEAL MONACHORUM "	75	225		
T O T A L S	2920	11820	9	13

## Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 and Tented Camping Sites

At 31st December, 1970 there were five licensed caravan sites in this district. These comprised four individual sites and a site for six touring vans.

Three other sites, each equipped with water closets and mains water were used by touring vans and tents.

This year three new licenses for single sites were issued.

During the summer a number of sites are occupied by touring vans/tents under conditions which do not require licensing.

There are also a number of caravans occupied during the whole year under conditions which do not require a licence; including a site at Shobrooke with 12 vans used by personnel engaged on the new 'North Sea' gas main.

### Vermin Control

#### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949.

Warfarin based poison continued to be supplied free of charge to domestic premises, and at cost price for use on business premises.

Practical assistance was given in three cases of cluster fly infestation.

The gardens of one Council House were treated for rats by the Council's manual staff.

A firm of professional pest contractors was engaged to deal with a cockroach infestation at a row of six houses.

The Council Sewers were test baited for rats. All the 60 manholes which were investigated were found to be rat free.

### Refuse Collection

The weekly kerbside collection of refuse by contract continued.

The special service for emptying litter bins and for cleaning up laybys during the summer months on the holiday route and trunk road were again implemented.

Two tips are again in use by the Council and are made available at all times for the use of households in the district. These tips are at Sutton Quarry, Sandford and Perry, Cheriton Fitzpaine.

### Civic Amenities Act 1967.

Following formal action from this office the owners of six abandoned cars arranged for their removal.

### Animal Boarding Establishment Act.

One boarding kennels and one cattery were relicensed. One new establishment was licensed both as a boarding kennels and cattery.

All premises were visited during the year and found to be satisfactory.

### Slaughterhouses.

Slaughterhouse licenses for the following premises were renewed:-  
Messrs. F. Lake & Son, Lapford, (retail and wholesale business),  
Messrs. D. Stevens & Son, Copplestone, (wholesale business).

During 1970 outline planning approval was given for the complete reconstruction of Copplestone Slaughterhouse. This matter required considerable consultation with the authorities concerned (Devon County Council, Devon River Authority, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and the Meat and Livestock Commission).

I consider this a preliminary step in the right direction. The condition of the Copplestone premises has been a matter of concern for some time past.

### Slaughter of Animals Acts 1958.

15 licenses to slaughter animals were issued.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963.

At the end of the year 18 premises with a total of 47 employees were registered. The majority of the employees, of whom 40 were females, are in catering trades. Eight visits were made in connection with this act, and seven premises received a full inspection. No serious contraventions were noted.

One office premises was removed from the register.

There were no new registrations during 1970. Since the act came into force no accidents have been notified.

Factories Act

Prescribed Particulars of the Administration of the Factories Act 1961

- (1) Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by public health inspectors).

P R E M I S E S	Number on Register.	NUMBER OF		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
			Nil	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority.	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	36	6	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. (excluding out-workers premises).	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTALS	37	6	Nil	Nil

Cases in which defects were found:-

	No of cases in which defects were found				No of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED To H.M.I.	FROM H.M.I.	
Lack of Cleanliness (Section 1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (Section 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temper- ature. (Section 3)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage (Section 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (Section 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (Section 7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	-	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
T O T A L	1	-	-	1	-

OUTWORK Section 133 and 134, Factories Act 1961

There are no factories in this district which employ outworkers. This office has been notified of 2 outworkers employed on wearing apparel.

Public Conveniences.

The public lavatories at Checkers Cheriton Bishop, again filled an essential need throughout the year. The use was particularly heavy during the tourist season.

The proprietor of the Checkers Filling Station, was again responsible for the routine cleaning, maintenance and surveillance of these conveniences.

During the year work started on the construction of new toilets at Bow, on the holiday relief route from Crediton to Okehampton.

These new toilets were eventually completed in 1971.

## HOUSING

### Housing Act 1957

As the result of informal action three dilapidated cottages were demolished and twenty two sub-standard properties were made fit.

One house was demolished after formal action.

### New Housing.

Fifty new dwellings were provided by private enterprise.

This Council completed 14 three bedroom houses, 2 two bedroom and 19 one bedroom bungalows, a total of 35 dwellings.

### Improvements to Council Houses

The following works were completed during 1970.

- 1 - 4 Frogbury Cross, Coldridge. Modernised with grant aid.
- 1 - 6 Western Road, Zeal Monachorum. Modernised with grant aid.
- 2 Agricultural Cottages, Chawleigh. Modernised with grant aid.
- 1 - 6 Barris, Lapford. Re-roofed and insulated.
- 1 - 4 Snows, Sandford. Re-roofed and insulated.
- 1 - 4 Dartmoor View, Black Dog. Re-roofed and insulated.
- 1 - 4 Broadclose, Nomansland. } Obsolete ranges replaced with tiled surrounds and
- 3 - 6 Higher Ley, Nymet Rowland. } back boilers.
- 2 - 6 Bellingate, Colebrooke. }

### Improvements to Private Property

#### Discretionary Grants.

	Owner occupied dwellings.	Other dwellings	Total
Applications received.	7	4	11
Applications approved.	6	3	9
Applications refused.	0	0	0
Completed and paid.	2	1	3

The total amount paid in discretionary grants was £1630.00

#### Standard Grants

	Owner occupied dwellings.	Other dwellings	Total
Applications received	22	13	35
Applications approved.	24	10	34
Applications refused.	0	1	1
Completed and paid.	17	8	25

Total amount paid in standard grants £3784.0.9.

Housing Act 1969 - Qualification Certificates.

Improvement Cases.

Certificates of provisional approval issued - 2.

Qualification Certificate issued under Section 46(3) - Nil.

Cases where all standard amenities already exist.

Qualification Certificate issued under Section 45(2) - Nil.

Housing Act 1961

Houses in Multiple Occupation.

This office is not aware of any houses in multiple occupation, requiring action under this act.

Overcrowding.

Only one case of overcrowding is known to this office. The house concerned has been acquired by this Council and improvements and enlargement proposals are in hand. The Department of the Environment has approved a grant for this work.

Common Lodging Houses.

There are no common lodging houses in this district.

## FOOD HYGIENE GENERAL

One grocer's premises was redecorated and cleansed following informal action.

A new toilet block was constructed at one public house and one restaurant kitchen was improved.

25 inspections were made in connection with Food Hygiene.

The premises inspected were generally found to be satisfactory.

## The Liquid Eggs (Pasteurisation) Regs. 1963:

There are no pasteurisation plants or egg packers in this district. There are of course several large scale producers.

## Brucella Abortus

51 samples of milk were taken in this district by the Staff of Devon County Council Health Department. One positive sample was found. The milk from the affected herd was heat treated before sale.

## Food Hygiene (General Regulations) 1960

	Number	Premises fitted to comply with Reg.16	Premises to which Reg. 19 applies.	Premises fitted to comply with Reg.19
Grocers and General Stores	38	38	30	30
Licensed premises	25	25	25	25
Cafe/Restaurant	11	11	11	11
Butchers.	6	6	6	6
Confectionery Kiosks at garages.	4	4	0	0
Factory Canteen	1	1	1	1
Bakery	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	86	86	74	74

MEAT INSPECTION

All meat killed at Copplestone and Lapford Slaughterhouses was inspected.

Work outside normal office hours was frequently required.

The pattern of killings closely followed that of previous years.

Carcasses and Offal Inspected and Condemned 1970

	Cattle ex. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed.	3864	61	130	43589	6731
Number inspected.	3864	61	130	43589	6731
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>tuberculosis and cysticerci.</u>					
Whole carcases condemned.	7	11	37	147	49
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	1640	38	9	3610	270
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis & cysticerci	42.6	80.3	35.4	8.6	4.7
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	**7	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to refrigeration.	**1	-	-	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	85
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	1.26

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Seven degenerative lesions which could have been C. Bovis were encountered. The degeneration was considered too advanced to permit positive identification. The affected parts were destroyed and the remainder released as recommended in Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Circular FSH 30/66 Paragraph 12.

\*\* One carcase was subjected to refrigeration.

The majority of the animals which were wholly condemned were emergency slaughtered "casualties".

A high incidence of distomatosis occurred in cattle.

## Poultry Inspection

### Ministry of Health and Social Security, Circular 1/71 Para. 9 (c)

There is one major poultry processing unit in this district. It is operated in connection with a poultry rearing unit on a large local farm. The poultry dealt with is specifically bred for table purposes, no laying birds are dealt with.

Birds are plucked on a modern line system, using mechanical equipment and despatched ungutted. Killing is normally restricted to two days per week.

During the year eight visits were made by officers of this department.

It is estimated that 98,000 chickens average weight 4½ lb. and 5,000 turkeys average weight 17 lb. were killed at the premises referred to above. The owners have advised that some 0.5% of the poultry killed was rejected for human consumption.

I am not aware of any other premises where regular large scale slaughtering takes place.

Occasional poultry slaughterin, does occur at various agricultural premises throughout the district, particularly in the Christmas season. Regular inspection is not considered practical under present conditions.



